

**IT IS THE VENDOR'S RESPONSIBILITY TO CHECK  
FOR ADDENDUMS PRIOR TO SUBMITTING PROPOSALS**

## **NOTICE TO BIDDERS SPECIFICATION NO. 06-169**

The City of Lincoln, Nebraska intends to purchase and invites you to submit a sealed bid for:

### **URBAN SEARCH AND RESCUE UNIFORMS**

Sealed bids will be received by the City of Lincoln, Nebraska on or before **12:00 noon Wednesday, May 24, 2006** in the office of the Purchasing Agent, Suite 200, K Street Complex, Southwest Wing, 440 South 8th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska 68508. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the K Street Complex.

Bidders should take caution if U.S. mail or mail delivery services are used for the submission of bids. Mailing should be made in sufficient time for bids to arrive in the Purchasing Division, prior to the time and date specified above. Bids may be downloaded from the City's website at [www.lincoln.ne.gov](http://www.lincoln.ne.gov) Keyword: Bid. Prospective bidders must monitor the bid listing for any addendums.

**PROPOSAL**  
**SPECIFICATION NO. 06-169**  
**BID OPENING TIME: 12:00 NOON**  
**DATE: Wednesday, May 24, 2006**

The undersigned, having full knowledge of the requirements of the City of Lincoln for the below listed phases and the contract documents (which include Notice, Instructions, this Proposal, Specifications, Contract, and any and all addenda) and all other conditions of the Proposal, agrees to enter into a contract with the City the below listed fees for the performance of this Specification, complete in every respect, in strict accordance with the contract documents at and for fees listed below.

**ADDENDA RECEIPT:** The receipt of addenda to the specification numbers \_\_\_\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_ are hereby acknowledged. Failure of any submitter to receive any addendum or interpretation of the specifications shall not relieve the submitter from any obligations specified in the request. All addenda shall become part of the final contract document.

| <u>Item #</u> | <u>Description</u>                                   | <u>Quantity</u> | <u>Unit</u>  | <u>Unit Price</u>    | <u>Total</u>         |
|---------------|--|-----------------|--------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| 1.            | Pant<br>Mfg. _____ No. _____                         | 215             | Each         | \$ _____             | \$ _____             |
| 2.            | Short (Option)<br>Mfg. _____ No. _____               | 215             | Each         | \$ _____             | \$ _____             |
| 3.            | Jacket<br>Mfg. _____ No. _____                       | 215<br>215      | Each<br>Each | \$ _____<br>\$ _____ | \$ _____<br>\$ _____ |
| 4.            | M-65 Field Coat<br>Mfg. _____ No. _____              | 215             | Each         | \$ _____             | \$ _____             |
| 5.            | M-65 Field Coat Liner<br>Mfg. _____ No. _____        | 215             | Each         | \$ _____             | \$ _____             |
| 6.            | Tactic Contention Glove<br>Mfg. _____ No. _____      | 215             | Each         | \$ _____             | \$ _____             |
| 7.            | Leatherman Juice C2 (Option)<br>Mfg. _____ No. _____ | 215             | Each         | \$ _____             | \$ _____             |
| 8.            | BDU Belt<br>Mfg. _____ No. _____                     | 215             | Each         | \$ _____             | \$ _____             |
| 9.            | Boonie Hat<br>Mfg. _____ No. _____                   | 215             | Each         | \$ _____             | \$ _____             |
| Total         |  |                 |              |                      | \$ _____             |

The undersigned signatory for the bidder represents and warrants that he has full and complete authority to submit this proposal to the City, and to enter into a contract if this proposal is accepted.

**RETURN 2 COMPLETE COPIES OF PROPOSAL AND SUPPORTING MATERIAL.  
MARK OUTSIDE OF BID ENVELOPE: SEALED BID FOR SPEC. 06-169**

\_\_\_\_\_  
COMPANY NAME

\_\_\_\_\_  
BY (Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
STREET ADDRESS or P.O. BOX

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Print Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
CITY, STATE ZIP CODE

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Title)

\_\_\_\_\_  
TELEPHONE No. FAX No.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
E-MAIL ADDRESS

\_\_\_\_\_  
ESTIMATED DELIVERY DAYS

\_\_\_\_\_  
TERMS OF PAYMENT

Bids may be inspected in the Purchasing Division during normal business hours **after** tabulation and review by a Purchasing Agent. Bid tabulations can be viewed on our website at: [lincoln.ne.gov](http://lincoln.ne.gov) Keyword: **Bid**

The Intent to Award will be listed on the website when a recommendation is received from the Department.

# **SPECIFICATIONS FOR URBAN SEARCH AND RESCUE UNIFORMS**

## **1. GENERAL**

- 1.1 Contractors are invited to bid unit prices for Urban Search and Rescue Uniforms to be furnished and delivered to Lincoln Fire Department / Urban Search and Rescue 1801 Q Street, Lincoln NE 68508.

## **2. TERM CONTRACT**

- 2.1 This Invitation to Bid is to establish a *term contract* for the items listed.
  - 2.1.1 No guaranteed minimum or maximum purchase quantities are either stated or implied.
  - 2.1.2 The quantities listed are estimates only based on past history or department survey, and the City may purchase substantially more or less than the amounts shown.
  - 2.1.3 All orders shall be on an "as needed" basis.

## **3. CONTRACT TERM**

- 3.1 The contract shall be for a term of one (1) year from **August 1, 2006 through July 31, 2007**, with the option to renew for two (2) additional one (1) year periods effective from date of contract execution by all parties.

## **4. RENEWAL**

- 4.1 This contract may be renewed beyond the expiration date by mutual agreement of the parties.
  - 4.1.1 The term of the renewal may not be longer than the term of the original contract.
  - 4.1.2 A renewal shall be by written notice sent by either party and written acceptance by the other.
  - 4.1.3 All other terms and conditions of the contract shall remain the same as set forth herein, and may be amended only by written instrument signed by both the City and Contractor and attached hereto as an amendment.

## **5. FIRM BIDS**

- 5.1 All bids received shall be considered valid for not less than sixty (90) days from the date of bid opening (through time of award).
  - 5.1.1 Pricing shall be firm for the length of the contract.

## **6. LITERATURE**

- 6.1 Please submit official manufacturer's literature regarding all product(s) offered with the bid.

## **7. SAMPLES**

- 7.1 A sample of the product(s) being offered must accompany the bid (free of charge) if bidder is wishing to supply other than the specified manufacturer and model number.
  - 7.1.1 Samples submitted do not require silk screening but color and weight shall be as proposed.
  - 7.1.2 Samples submitted shall be in unopened packages and shall free from defect.
  - 7.1.3 Samples may be subject to wash, wear, and durability testing to prove equality.

## **8. BONDS**

- 8.1 There will be no *bid bonds* or performance *bonds* required for this contract.

## **9. EXCEPTIONS**

- 9.1 The specifications are intended to provide a foundation for open, competitive bidding of commodities to meet the City's needs.
- 9.1.1 Minor and immaterial technical deviations may, at the discretion of the City, be deemed in *substantial* compliance with the specifications.
- 9.1.2 Material variances, however, may render the bidder *non-responsive* and ineligible for award.
- 9.1.3 The use of brand names, models, etc. serves to establish the design, performance and level of quality needed and not to restrict competition.
- 9.1.3.1 (Items that are equal in design, performance and quality will be considered.)
- 9.1.4 The right to evaluate specification compliance and equality is reserved to the City of Lincoln.
- 9.1.5 All exceptions to the specifications and terms should be noted on the attached *Exception Sheet*.

## **10. DELIVERY TIME FRAME**

- 10.1 Unless otherwise agreed to by the requesting location, delivery shall be within fifteen (15) business days after receipt of a valid order.
- 10.1.1 All deliveries shall be made Monday through Friday during normal business hours unless other prior arrangements are made.
- 10.1.2 Call 24 hrs prior to scheduled delivery Rick Klien @ (402) 430-3897.

## **11. FREIGHT TERMS**

- 11.1 The City requests "delivered pricing" (FOB Destination, Freight Prepaid & Allowed) for this particular contract, and shipping charges should therefore be included in the Contractor's unit price.
- 11.2 No other charges will be allowed.
- 11.3 All items will be shipped and protected in transit per industry standards.

## **12. SPECIFICATIONS**

- 12.1 Pant, Jacket, Coat, and insert are listed as ProFormance.
- 12.1.1 The department must approve substitutes.
- 12.1.2 Color of garment shall be Darkest Navy available.
- 12.1.3 Sizes: Men and Women (S through 3 XL)
- 12.2 **Pant** - BC 19386 ProFormance 100% Cotton Ripstop, or City approved equal
- 12.2.1 Sewn To Military Specification Mil-T-44047E
- 12.2.2 6 Pockets, 4 With Button Flaps
- 12.2.3 4 Button Fly
- 12.2.4 Double-Reinforced Seat and Knee
- 12.2.5 4" Adjustable Waist Tabs
- 12.2.6 Sizes: S - XXXL Regular and Long
- 12.3 **Short** - BC 1964 ProFormance 100 Cotton Ripstop, or City approved equal
- 12.3.1 6 Pockets, 4 with Button Flaps
- 12.3.2 Double-Reinforced Seat
- 12.3.3 4" Adjustable Waist Tabs
- 12.3.4 Double-Stitched, Double-Lapped Inseam, Outseam and Seat Seam
- 12.3.5 Sizes: S - XXL Regular

- 12.4 **Jacket** - BC19384 ProFormance 100% Cotton Ripstop, or City approved equal
  - 12.4.1 2 Bellow Breast Pockets with Covered Button Flaps
  - 12.4.2 2 Button Adjustable Cuff
  - 12.4.3 5 Button Placket
  - 12.4.4 All Pocket Flaps Contain Fusible Material
  - 12.4.5 Sizes: S - XXXL Regular and Long
- 12.5 **M-65 Field Jacket** - BC 1036 CavPro, or City approved equal
  - 12.5.1 Sewn to Military Specification MIL-C-43455J
  - 12.5.2 4 Pockets, 2 Breast Pockets and 2 Lower Inset Pockets with Snap Flaps
  - 12.5.3 Velcro Adjustable Cuffs
  - 12.5.4 Concealed Hood with Solid Core Drawcord
  - 12.5.5 Sizes: S - XXXL
- 12.6 **M-65 Field Coat Liner** - BC 1037 CavPro Liner, or City approved equal
  - 12.6.1 Buttons in M65 Field Coat for added warmth
  - 12.6.2 Color: Black
  - 12.6.3 100% nylon T-190 ripstop shell
  - 12.6.4 6 oz. quilted polyester filing
  - 12.6.5 Reversible / can be worn as an outer jacket
  - 12.6.6 Sizes: S - XXXL
- 12.7 **Glove** - Burton Tactic Contention Glove 2003, or City approved equal
  - 12.7.1 Shell: Storm-lite 1.0 shell
    - 12.7.1.1 Storm-lite is the same 2-layer shell material that we use in our outerwear line.
    - 12.7.1.2 Two layers provide a high degree of water resistance and breathability.
  - 12.7.2 Insert: GORE-TEX® 3L waterproof, breathable insert A three-layer insert provides the ultimate defense against heat-robbing moisture and wind chill.
    - 12.7.2.1 The waterproof outer layer stops snow and ice from getting inside your glove.
    - 12.7.2.2 The second layer is super permeable, which means that the moisture generated by your hand in the form of sweat can easily pass through and escape to the outside.
    - 12.7.2.3 The third layer lets your hand breathe by wicking moisture away from your hand and passing it through to the outer layers.
    - 12.7.2.4 This prevents your gloves from getting that clammy feel.
    - 12.7.2.5 We pair this insert with a lighter, more flexible shell material for riders who need the protection but prefer a soft, lightweight shell material.
  - 12.7.3 Insulation: Thinsulate™ insulation provides warmth without bulk because it has the highest warmth-to-weight ratio on the market.
- 12.8 **Leatherman Juice C2**
  - 12.8.1 Pliers
  - 12.8.2 Wire cutters
  - 12.8.3 Four screwdrivers
  - 12.8.4 Corkscrew
  - 12.8.5 Can and bottle opener
  - 12.8.6 Color "inferno"
  - 12.8.7 25-year warranty

- 12.9 **BDU Belt** - Propper #56027118, CavPro BC 2921, or City approved equal
  - 12.6.1 Type 13 nylon construction
  - 12.6.2 Adjustable to 44"
  - 12.6.3 1-3/4" wide
  - 12.6.4 Color: Black
  
- 12.10 **Boonie Hat** - Propper #55030101, CavPro BC 18729, or City approved equal
  - 12.10.1 100% Ripstop Cotton, 3/4" nylon webbing
  - 12.10.2 Color: Midnight Navy
  - 12.10.3 Sizes 7, 7-1/4, 7-1/2, 7-3/4
  - 12.10.4 Nylon chin cord, leather keeper

## 1. Exception Sheet

### Urban Search and Rescue Uniforms

**Please list and explain any exceptions to the specifications and terms of the Invitation to Bid. Please note that the taking of an exception may cause your bid to be deemed “non-responsive” if it is determined to be a material variance.**

This image shows a blank sheet of white paper with horizontal ruling lines. The lines are evenly spaced and extend across the width of the page. There are no margins, text, or other markings on the paper.

**Company Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Representative Printed Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Representative Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-Mail:**



# INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

## CITY OF LINCOLN, NEBRASKA PURCHASING DIVISION

### 1. BIDDING PROCEDURE

- 1.1 Bidder shall submit one (1) complete set of the bid documents and all supporting material, unless otherwise stipulated. All appropriate blanks shall be completed. Any interlineation, alteration or erasure on the specification document shall be initialed by the signer of the bid. Bidder shall not change the proposal form nor make additional stipulations on the specification document. Any amplified or qualifying information shall be on the bidder's letterhead and firmly attached to the specification document.
- 1.2 Bid prices shall be submitted on the Proposal Form included in the bid document.
- 1.3 Bidders may submit a bid on an "all or none" or "lump sum" basis, but should also submit a quotation on an item-by-item basis. Bidding documents shall be clearly marked indicating the kind of proposal being submitted.
- 1.4 Any person signing a bid for a firm, corporation, or other organization must show evidence of his authority so to bind such firm, corporation, or organization.
- 1.5 Bids received after the time and date established for receiving bids will be rejected.
- 1.6 If bidding on a Construction Contract, the City of Lincoln's Standard Specifications for Municipal Construction 2006 shall apply.
  - 1.6.1 Bidders may obtain this document from the City's Design Engineering Division of Public Works & Utilities for a small fee.
  - 1.6.2 Said document can be reviewed at Design Engineering or the Purchasing Division.

### 2. BIDDER'S SECURITY

- 2.1 Bid security, as a guarantee of good faith, in the form of a certified check, cashier's check, or bidder's bond, may be required to be submitted with this bid document, as indicated on the Proposal Form.
- 2.2 If alternates are requested, only one bid security will be required, provided the bid security is based on the amount of the highest gross bid.
- 2.3 Such bid security will be returned to the unsuccessful bidders when the award of bid is made.
- 2.4 Bid security will be returned to the successful bidder(s) as follows:
  - 2.4.1 For single order bids with specified quantities: upon the delivery of all equipment or merchandise, and upon final acceptance by the City.
  - 2.4.2 For all other contracts: upon approval by the City of the executed contract and bonds.
- 2.5 City shall have the right to retain the bid security of bidders to whom an award is being considered until either:
  - 2.5.1 A contract has been executed and bonds have been furnished.
  - 2.5.2 The specified time has elapsed so that the bids may be withdrawn.
  - 2.5.3 All bids have been rejected.
- 2.6 Bid security will be forfeited to the City as full liquidated damages, but not as a penalty, for any of the following reasons, as pertains to this specification document:
  - 2.6.1 If the bidder fails to deliver the equipment or merchandise in full compliance with the accepted proposal and specifications.
  - 2.6.2 If the bidder fails or refuses to enter into a contract on forms provided by the City, and/or if the bidder fails to provide sufficient bonds or insurance within the time period as established in this specification document.

### 3. BIDDER'S REPRESENTATION

- 3.1 Each bidder by signing and submitting a bid, represents that the bidder has read and understands the specification documents, and the bid has been made in accordance therewith.
- 3.2 Each bidder for services further represents that the bidder has examined and is familiar with the local conditions under which the work is to be done and has correlated the observations with the requirements of the bid documents.

### 4. CLARIFICATION OF SPECIFICATION DOCUMENTS

- 4.1 Bidders shall promptly notify the Purchasing Agent of any ambiguity, inconsistency or error which they may discover upon examination of the specification documents.

- 4.2 Bidders desiring clarification or interpretation of the specification documents shall make a written request which must reach the Purchasing Agent at least five (5) calendar days prior to the date and time for receipt of bids.
- 4.3 Changes made to the specification documents will be made by written addenda to all known prospective bidders.
- 4.4 Oral interpretations or changes to the Specification Documents made in any other manner, will not be binding on the City; and bidders shall not rely upon such interpretations or changes.

### 5. ADDENDA

- 5.1 Addenda are additional documents issued by the City to prospective Bidders prior to the closing date for receipt of bids, which are intended to change or clarify the original plans and/or specifications., i.e. additions, deletions, modifications, or explanations.
- 5.2 Addenda will be mailed or delivered to all who are known by the City to have received a complete set of specification documents.
- 5.3 Copies of addenda will be made available for inspection at the office of the Purchasing Agent.
- 5.4 No addendum will be issued later than forty-eight (48) hours prior to the date and time for receipt of bids, except an addendum withdrawing the invitation to bid, or an addendum which includes postponement of the bid.
- 5.5 Bidders shall ascertain prior to submitting their bid that they have received all addenda issued, and they shall acknowledge receipt of addenda on the proposal form.

### 6. ANTI-LOBBYING PROVISION

- 6.1 During the period between the bid advertisement date and the contract award, bidders, including their agents and representatives, shall not lobby or promote their bid with any member of the City Council or City Staff.

### 7. BRAND NAMES

- 7.1 Wherever in the specifications or proposal form brand names, manufacturer, trade name, or catalog numbers are specified, it is for the purpose of establishing a grade or quality of material only; and the term "or equal" is deemed to follow.
- 7.2 It is the bidder's responsibility to identify any alternate items offered in the bid, and prove to the satisfaction of the City that said item is equal to, or better than, the product specified.
- 7.3 Bids for alternate items shall be stated in the appropriate brand on the proposal form, or if the proposal form does not contain blanks for alternates, bidder MUST attach to the specification documents on Company letterhead a statement identifying the manufacturer and brand name of each proposed alternate, plus a complete description of the alternate items including illustrations, performance test data and any other information necessary for an evaluation. The bidder must indicate any variances by item number from the specification document no matter how slight. Bidder must fully explain the variances from the specification document, since brochure information may not be sufficient.
- 7.4 If variations are not stated in the proposal, it will be assumed that the item being bid fully complies with the City's specifications.

### 8. DEMONSTRATIONS/SAMPLES

- 8.1 Bidders shall demonstrate the exact item(s) proposed within seven (7) calendar days from receipt of such request from the City.
- 8.2 Such demonstration can be at the City delivery location or a surrounding community.
- 8.3 If the bidder is proposing an alternate product, the City may request a sample of the exact item. Samples will be returned at bidder's expense after receipt by the City of acceptable goods. Bidders must indicate how samples are to be returned.

### 9. DELIVERY (Non-Construction)

- 9.1 Each bidder shall state on his proposal form the date upon which he can make delivery of all equipment or merchandise. Time required for delivery is hereby made an essential element of the bid.
- 9.2 The City reserves the right to cancel orders, or any part thereof, without obligation, if delivery is not made within the time(s) specified on the proposal form.
- 9.3 All bids shall be based upon **inside** delivery of the equipment/ merchandise F.O.B. the City at the location specified by the City, with all transportation charges paid.

## **10. WARRANTIES, GUARANTEES AND MAINTENANCE**

- 10.1 Copies of the following documents must accompany the bid proposal for all items being bid:
  - 10.1.1 Manufacturer's warranties and/or guarantees.
  - 10.1.2 Bidder's maintenance policies and associated costs.
- 10.2 As a minimum requirement of the City, the bidder will guarantee in writing that any defective components discovered within a one (1) year period after the date of acceptance shall be replaced at no expense to the City. Replacement parts of defective components shall be shipped at no cost to the City. Shipping costs for defective parts required to be returned to the bidder shall be paid by the bidder.

## **11. ACCEPTANCE OF MATERIAL**

- 11.1 All components used in the manufacture or construction of materials, supplies and equipment, and all finished materials, shall be new, the latest make/model, of the best quality, and the highest grade workmanship.
- 11.2 Material delivered under this proposal shall remain the property of the bidder until:
  - 11.2.1 A physical inspection and actual usage of this material is made and found to be acceptable to the City; and
  - 11.2.2 Material is determined to be in full compliance with the specifications and accepted proposal.
- 11.3 In the event the delivered material is found to be defective or does not conform to the specification documents and accepted proposal, then the City reserves the right to cancel the order upon written notice to the bidder and return materials to the bidder at bidder's expense.
- 11.4 Successful bidder shall be required to furnish title to the material, free and clear of all liens and encumbrances, issued in the name of the City of Lincoln, Nebraska, as required by the specification documents or purchase orders.
- 11.5 Selling dealer's advertising decals, stickers or other signs shall not be affixed to equipment. Vehicle mud flaps shall be installed blank side out with no advertisements. Manufacturer's standard production forgings, stampings, nameplates and logos are acceptable.

## **12. BID EVALUATION AND AWARD**

- 12.1 The signed bid proposal shall be considered an offer on the part of the bidder. Such offer shall be deemed accepted upon issuance by the City of purchase orders, contract award notifications, or other contract documents appropriate to the work.
- 12.2 No bid shall be modified or withdrawn for a period of ninety (90) calendar days after the time and date established for receiving bids, and each bidder so agrees in submitting the bid.
- 12.3 In case of a discrepancy between the unit prices and their extensions, the unit prices shall govern.
- 12.4 The bid will be awarded to the lowest responsible, responsive bidder whose proposal will be most advantageous to the City, and as the City deems will best serve its requirements.
- 12.5 The City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids; to request rebids; to award bids item-by-item, with or without alternates, by groups, or "lump sum"; to waive minor irregularities in bids; such as shall best serve the requirements and interests of the City.
- 12.6 In order to determine if the Bidder has the experience, qualifications, resources and necessary attributes to provide the quality workmanship, materials and management required by the plans and specifications, the Bidder may be required to complete and submit additional information as deemed necessary by the City. Failure to provide the information requested to make this determination may be grounds for a declaration of non-responsive with respect to the Bidder.
- 12.7 The City reserves the right to reject irregular bids that contain unauthorized additions, conditions, alternate bids, or irregularities that make the Bid Proposal incomplete, indefinite or ambiguous.

## **13. INDEMNIFICATION**

- 13.1 The bidder shall indemnify and save harmless the City of Lincoln, Nebraska from and against all losses, claims, damages, and expenses, including, attorney's fees arising out of or resulting from the performance of the contract that results in bodily injury, sickness, disease, death, or to injury to or destruction of tangible property, including the loss of use resulting therefrom and is caused in whole or in part by the Bidder, any subcontractor, any directly

or indirectly employed by any of them or anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable. This section will not require the Bidder to indemnify or hold harmless the City of Lincoln for any losses, claims damages, and expenses arising out of or resulting from the sole negligence of the City of Lincoln, Nebraska.

- 13.2 In any and all claims against the City or any of its members, officers or employees by an employee of the bidder, any subcontractor, anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them or by anyone for whose acts made by any of them may be liable, the indemnification obligation under paragraph 13.1 shall not be limited in any way by any limitation of the amount or type of damages, compensation or benefits payable by or for the bidder or any subcontractor under worker's or workmen's compensation acts, disability benefit acts or other employee benefit acts.

## **14. TERMS OF PAYMENT**

- 14.1 Unless stated otherwise, the City will begin processing payment within thirty (30) calendar days after all labor has been performed and all equipment or other merchandise has been delivered, and all such labor and equipment and other materials have met all contract specifications.

## **15. LAWS**

- 15.1 The Laws of the State of Nebraska shall govern the rights, obligations, and remedies of the Parties under this proposal and any agreement reached as a result of this process.
- 15.2 Bidder agrees to abide by all applicable State and Federal laws and regulations concerning the handling and disclosure of private and confidential information concerning individuals and corporations as to inventions, copyrights, patents and patent rights.

## **16. AFFIRMATIVE ACTION**

- 16.1 The City of Lincoln-Lancaster County Purchasing Division provides equal opportunity for all bidders and encourages minority businesses and women's business enterprises to participate in our bidding process.

## **17. LIVING WAGE**

- 17.1 The bidders agree to pay all employees employed in the performance of this contract, a base wage of not less than the City Living Wage per section 2.81.010 of the Lincoln Municipal Code. This wage is subject to change every July.

## **18. EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT**

- 18.1 Depending on the type of service provided, one of the following three (3) methods will be employed. The method applicable to this contract will be checked below:
  - ☐ a. This Contract shall consist of a **PURCHASE ORDER** and a copy of the suppliers signed bid (or referenced bid number) attached and that the same, in all particulars, becomes the agreement and contract between the parties hereto: that both parties thereby accept and agree to the terms and conditions of said bid documents, and that the parties are bound thereby and the compensation to be paid the Supplier is as set forth in the Supplier's Bid. Items not awarded, if any, have been deleted.
  - ☒ b. The contract shall consist of a **YEARLY AGREEMENT** and a copy of the suppliers signed bid attached and that the same, in all particulars, becomes the agreement and contract between the parties hereto. That both parties thereby accept and agree to the terms and conditions of said bid documents, and that the parties are bound thereby and the compensation to be paid the Supplier is as set forth in the Suppliers' Bid. Items not awarded, if any, have been deleted.
  - ☐ c. Three (3) copies of the **CONTRACT**, unless otherwise noted.
    - 1. City will furnish three (3) copies of the Contract to the successful Bidder who shall prepare attachments as required. Insurance as evidenced by a Certificate of Insurance, surety bonds properly executed, and Agreement signed with the date of signature shall be attached.
    - 2. The prepared documents shall be delivered to the City within 10days (unless otherwise noted).
    - 3. The City will sign the Contract Agreement, insert the date of signature at the beginning of the Contract Agreement, prepare an Executive Order to go the Mayor for signature.
    - 4. Upon approval and signature from the Mayor, the City will return one copy to the Contractor.

# **SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR COMMODITY TERM CONTRACTS**

## **CITY OF LINCOLN, NEBRASKA PURCHASING DIVISION**

### **1. ESTIMATED QUANTITIES**

- 1.1 The quantities set forth in the specification document are approximate and represent the estimated requirements of the City for the contract period.
- 1.2 Items listed may or may not be inclusive of City requirements for this category.
- 1.3 Category items not listed, but distributed by bidder are to be referred to as kindred items. Kindred items shall receive the same percentage of discount or pricing structure as items listed in the specification document.
- 1.4 The unit prices and the extended total prices shall be used only as a basis for the evaluation of bids. The actual quantity of materials necessary may be more or less than the estimates listed in the specification document, but the City shall be neither obligated nor limited to any specified amount. The City will, if possible, restrict increases/decreases to 20% of the estimated quantities listed in the specification document.

### **2. CONTRACT PERIOD**

- 2.1 The material shall be delivered as ordered during the contract period, beginning from the date of contract and ending one (1) year from that date, or as otherwise indicated on the proposal form.
- 2.2 The City is interested in a one (1) year contract, with the option to renew for no more than **two** (2) additional one (1) year renewals. Bidder must indicate on the proposal form if extension renewals are an option. By mutual consent of both parties it is understood and agreed that the contract may be renewed only at the same prices and/or under the same conditions governing the original contract; and any request for an increase in price or a change in the contract conditions shall be interpreted as a request not to renew the contract at the end of the current contract period.

### **3. BID PRICES**

- 3.1 Bidders must state on the proposal form if the bid prices will remain firm for the full contract period; or if the bid prices will be subject to escalation/de-escalation.
- 3.2 **Escalation/De-escalation Clause:** In the event that prevailing market conditions warrant an adjustment in bid prices contained in the contract, the following escalation/de-escalation clause shall be the only clause applicable or acceptable to the City:
  1. Contractor shall give written notice to the Purchasing Agent of any proposed changes from contract prices not less than thirty (30) calendar days prior to the effective date of said price changes.
  2. Such notice must be accompanied by a certified copy of the supplier's advisory or notification to the contractor of price changes.
  3. No price escalation will be authorized in excess of the amount of the increase referred to on the supplier's notice.
  4. The approved price change shall be honored for all orders received by the contractor after the effective date of such price change.
  5. Approved price changes are not applicable to orders already issued and in process at time of price change.
  6. The City reserves the right to audit and/or examine any pertinent books, documents, papers, records or invoices relating directly to the contract transaction in question after reasonable notice and during normal business hours.

7. The Purchasing Agent retains the right to determine whether or not such proposed price changes are in the best interests of the City.
8. If in the opinion of the Purchasing Agent any proposed increase is found unacceptable, the Purchasing Agent reserves the right to cancel the contract upon thirty (30) calendar days written notice.
9. Contractors must tie any price change clause to an industry-wide or otherwise nationally recognized index, or some other form of verifiable document. Contractor will put the Purchasing Agent on the mailing lists for such publication so that the Purchasing Agent can monitor said changes. Such membership will be at no cost to the City.

### **4. CONTRACT AWARD NOTIFICATION**

- 4.1 The Purchasing Division will issue a Contract Award Notification to all successful bidders. Such contract award notification will incorporate the City's specifications, and may incorporate the bidder's specifications.
- 4.2 No action need be taken by the contractors at time of receipt of such Contract Award Notification.
- 4.3 Orders for materials will be made as needed by the various City Departments.

### **5. QUARTERLY REPORT**

- 5.1 The contractor shall provide to the Purchasing Agent a quarterly report, showing all purchases made under the terms and conditions of the contract.
- 5.2 Such quarterly report shall itemize the following information:
  1. Each ordering department.
  2. Items and quantities purchased by department.
  3. Total dollar amount of purchases by department

### **6. TERMINATION OF CONTRACT**

- 6.1 This contract may be terminated by either party upon thirty (30) days prior notice in writing to the other party. The Owner may terminate this contract immediately, under breach of contract, if the Contractor fails to perform in accordance with the terms and conditions. In the event of any termination of contract by the Contractor, the Owner may purchase such supplies and/or services similar to those so terminated, and for the duration of the contract period the Contractor will be liable for all costs in excess of the established contract pricing.